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Comprehensive Plan Issue Committee Reports, Draft Community Values Component Available

INDIANAPOLIS— The City of Indianapolis, Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD), has published the issue committee reports and the draft community values component for Indianapolis Insight, the update of the Comprehensive Plan for Indianapolis and Marion County.

Eight issue committees consisting of more than 300 local volunteers met regularly throughout a seven-month period to address issues affecting future growth and development in Indianapolis and Marion County. Committees are: Land Use Standards and Procedures; Cultural, Social and Education; Economic Development; Environment, Parks and Open Space; Neighborhoods and Housing; Transportation and Infrastructure; Redevelopment; and Regionalism.

Results and recommendations from the meetings have been compiled into individual reports which can be accessed by visiting www.indygov.org/indianapolisinsight/, www.indygov.org/dmdplan/, or by contacting the Indianapolis Insight hotline at 327. 5111.

DMD's team of comprehensive planners relied on the eight issue committee reports, as well as recent background studies, to formulate the community values portion of the comprehensive plan, which is currently in draft form. Later this month, DMD will host a series of town hall meetings for public presentation and comment on the community values component. For a copy of the 150-page draft, please contact the Indianapolis Insight hotline at 327.5111.

"Both the issue committee reports and the community values component are instrumental in the comprehensive plan process," said Maury Plambeck, director of the Department of Metropolitan Development. "Public input from the issue committee meetings plays a key role in determining future land use for Indianapolis and Marion County."

In order to develop and implement a cooperative vision for Indianapolis and Marion County, a steering committee comprised of local stakeholders is charged with guiding the plan's update process. Issue committee reports and the draft community values component have been forwarded to the Comprehensive Plan's steering committee for comment.

Required by state statute as the basis for zoning, the Indianapolis-Marion County Comprehensive Plan includes both objectives and policies for future land use development that involve public ways, places, lands, structures and utilities. Last updated during 1991-1993, this update of the comprehensive plan will utilize broad-based public input over an 18-24 month period. Previous plans were adopted in 1965, 1969, 1977, 1984, and 1993.